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SUBJECT: USG CONTRIBUTION TO ICRC FOR MIDEAST OPERATIONS.

SUMMARY: CHARGE CALLED IN OCTOBER 22 BY GALLOPIN OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF RED CROSS (ICRC) FOR DISCUSSION FINANCIAL PROBLEMS CAUSED ICRC BY NEED REINFORCE MIDEAST OPERATIONS AT EXPECTED RATE SWISS FRANCS 250,000 MONTHLY FOR UNKNOWN PERIOD TO FINANCE 25-30 ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED IN FIELD AND HEADQUARTERS. NO REPEAT NO SPECIFIC CONTRIBUTION REQUESTED OF USG BUT GALLOPIN SAID ICRC HOPED USG WOULD SHOW ITS USUAL GENEROSITY. CHARGE ASSURED GALLOPIN OF SYMPATHETIC USG CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST. END SUMMARY.

1. GALLOPIN BEGAN BY REFERRING TO FACT ICRC HAS KEPT STAFF IN MIDEAST CONTINUOUSLY SINCE 1967 WAR SINCE ARABS DID NOT RECOGNIZE CEASE-FIRE AND PRISONERS OF WAR STILL HELD. WITH BEGINNING OF CURRENT WAR, ICRC HAS SECURED EVACUATION AIRCRAFT FROM SWISS GOVERNMENT AND EXPECTS START POW EVACUATION OPERATIONS SOON. ICRC HAS ALSO SENT MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO ARABS AS WELL AS TWO MEDICAL TEAMS. ISRAELIS ABLE MEET OWN MEDICAL NEEDS.

2. ICRC EXPECTS BE FACED SOON WITH ADDITIONAL WORK OF LISTING POWS AND ENSURING THEIR PROTECTION UNDER GENEVA CONVENTION.

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ICRC WILL HAVE TO VISIT POWS ON BOTH SIDES IN ISRAEL, EGYPT

AND SYRIA. GOVERNMENT OF SWITZERLAND HAS OFFERED SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BUT ICRC ALSO NEEDS FUNDS FROM FRIENDLY COUNTRIES SUCH AS U.S. CHIEFS OF 12-15 OTHER MISSIONS INCLUDING SOVIET ALSO BEING CALLED IN BY GALLOPIN TO REQUEST CONTRIBUTIONS AND BRIEF ON MIDEAST OPERATIONS OF ICRC.

3. GALLOPIN STRESSED IT NECESSARY FOR ICRC MAKE SPECIAL APPEAL FOR THIS PURPOSE SINCE ICRC FINANCES ALREADY BADLY OVERTAXED BY OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN ASIAN SUBCONTINENT REPATRIATION, INDOCHINA AND CHILE. GALLOPIN ADDED THAT IN ADDITION TO USUAL WESTERN DONORS BEING APPROACHED, ICRC HAD ALREADY REQUESTED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ARAB COUNTRIES NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN MIDEAST WAR SUCH AS SAUDI ARABIA AND TRUCIAL STATES WHO SHOULD BE READY TO HELP THEIR ARAB BROTHERS.

4. CHARGE ASSURED GALLOPIN OF STRONG USG INTEREST IN MIDEAST OPERATIONS AND PROMISED RELAY ICRC REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION TO DEPT WITH EXPECTATION REQUEST WOULD RECEIVE EARLY SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON.

5. MISSION URGES FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION AND WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE.BASSIN

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